

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
June 28, 2018 * 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to Order followed by the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. The Township Clerk read the Sunshine Notice Statement.

Sunshine Notice: This meeting is called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law. 1) Posting a copy of the Annual Meeting Schedule on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and emailing a copy to the Atlantic City Press and Burlington County Times and all those requesting copies on June 23, 2018. 2) Posting a copy of the agenda on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex. 3) Filing a copy of the agenda in the office of the Township Clerk at the Municipal Complex. 4) Forwarding a copy of the agenda to the Atlantic City Press and the Burlington County Times 5) Forwarding a copy of the agenda to each person who requested copies of the regular meeting schedule. All the above posting, filing & mailing have taken place on June 23, 2018.

Call of the Roll: Committeeman Cavileer, Deputy Mayor James and Mayor Lewis.

RICE HEARING/B. SOMES

Mayor Lewis – I’ll recuse myself from this hearing.

Committeeman Cavileer – This procedure being done in an open meeting is not in accordance with accepted management practice. I know this from my schooling and job experience. I want the public to be aware that this is being done this way only because it is so requested by Barbara Somes.

Mayor Lewis and Deputy Mayor James agreed to Committeeman Cavileer’s remarks.

Barbara Somes – I requested that it be postponed because I don’t have legal council.

Committeeman Cavileer – The Somes have been pillars of the community for over 40 years. We are very aware of the positive things that they have done for the community. In many instances one or more of the three of use was there with them to witness their accomplishments.

The Pinelands Tribune on two separate occasions quotes one of our employees implying that this committee was at odds with Horace Somes for issuing a zoning permit for the property of the old farmhouse on River Road in Lower Bank.

Mrs. Somes – I want Dudley to stay.

Solicitor Coleman – No, Dudley, please go.

Mayor Lewis left the room and Deputy Mayor James took over the meeting.

